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Thanks -- very helpful.  
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**From:** Joe Rotola  
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**To:** Walter Mugdan; John LaPadula  
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Just wanted to provide you with some info in what we are doing at Cabo Rojo in anticipation of questions that may be raised by the RA after she reads the ATSDR Letter Heath Consultation that was sent to her Friday afternoon.

I guess Angela can provide more of the history on the site, but in short, ERT was tasked to perform part of the RI on the site. In June 2011 they sampled 13 locations/ suspected source areas and identified 4 locations of concern. The four locations of concern included Extasy Printing, Cabo Rojo Professional Dry Cleaners, Serrano 2 Dry Cleaners and D'Elegant Dry cleaners, Extacy is an active printer that shares the building with the Head Start Day Care facility, Cabo Rojos Professional Dry Cleaners is no longer in operation. D'Elegant is now a Walgreen. Serrano 2 is no longer a dry cleaner but it has a day care facility adjacent it. Past sampling only focused on subslab sampling (limited to DCE, PCE and TCE) which resulted in some extremely elevated levels of contaminants, especially at Extasy and the Head Start Day Care, ERT did sample interior air at the Extasy printer which also identified elevated levels of contaminants,

This week we are back at the site to meet with property owners and tenants to discuss the sampling results, collect indoor air samples and re-sample subslab, We will also be performing full scan at select locations. We have requested 7 day verbals on all samples collected. We have also decided to expand our sampling at each source area so we will be planning to sample all receptors within a 100 foot radius of each source, Arlene Anderson and Denise Zeno will be attempting to get access while they are in town this week. We hope to implement this next round of sampling in 2-3 weeks and initiate any required removal activities at the source areas at that time. We have had several coordination meetings over the past several weeks so I feel we have everything covered. Denise has notified the local official of our plans. ATSDR has engaged the PRDOH. We have a CIC, Fact sheets on vapor have been prepared for distribution, Access agreements have been prepared.

Although we do plan to take action at the Head Start Day Care, the presence of an active facility with poor housekeeping practices has been a concern with regard to how effective a subslab system will be if

we have contaminants entering the space from other locations. We will be evaluating how best to mitigate the building this week. We will also be evaluating our enforcement options with respect to the Extacy operations.

Just a summary of who we have on the ground this week:

Nick Magriples - he worked with ERT on the design of the sampling plan that will be implemented this week. He will be at Cabo during the first two days of sampling and work with Denise and Arlene on the preparation of the sampling plan that will be implemented in 2-3 weeks. He will also be performing assessments at other NPL sites while in PR.

Denise Zeno and Arlene Anderson - they will be working on access and distributing results from past sampling. Arlene will be the OSC for any removal actions that are determined to be necessary.

Jeff Catanzarita and SERRAS Contractor - will be implementing the sampling plan which focuses on collecting indoor air and subslab samples at the four source areas,

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